

Missouri State Library

Show Me *Express*

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Limited English Proficiency Guidance for LSTA Grant Projects

Most individuals living in the United States read, write, speak and understand English. There are many individuals, however, for whom English is not their primary language. Federal regulations require that grant recipients take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for people with limited English proficiency (LEP) to the information, programs and services they provide. For additional information from the Institute of Museum and Library Services regarding the LEP responsibilities of grant recipients see [Limited English Proficiency Guidance](#).

Upcoming LSTA Grant Call

Applications for the Technology Mini Grant and Racing to Read grants are available at [LSTA Grant Application Forms](#) and are due July 1, 2015. These grant programs are open to public libraries certified to receive state aid.

Technology Mini Grants are intended to help public libraries with funding for technology and automation equipment to improve the library's network infrastructure. The anticipated grant period is September 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

Racing to Read grants provide funds to help establish, develop or improve public library early literacy services for children from birth to 6 years of age. The anticipated grant period is September 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

Public library staff with questions regarding what is and is not eligible, or are new to grant writing, are encouraged to attend a one-hour online information session that will provide eligibility guidance and grant writing tips. Session options are 9 a.m. or 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Registration is required and can be completed [online](#).

For further information about any of the LSTA grant opportunities, contact Shay Younger at (800) 325-0131 or shay.younger@sos.mo.gov.

MOREnet Training Opportunity: Logos and Widgets and Tips – Oh My!

On May 21, 2015 at 10 a.m., MOREnet will introduce participants to special tools that EBSCO and LearningExpress Library make available to help libraries promote use of the databases. Putting search widgets in unexpected places on the website, raising brand awareness by using logos and focusing descriptions in ways that grab attention will be covered. Registration is required and may be completed at [Logos and Widgets and Tips](#).

Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities from the State Library

Last Call to Register: Creating Successful Adult Programs Webinar

On May 21, 2015, from 10-11:30 a.m., the Missouri State Library will host a webinar on planning, implementing, marketing and evaluating adult programs. The presenter is Joey Holmes from the Laurens County Library in Laurens, South Carolina. Holmes has arranged, or been closely involved with, 100 events ranging from wood lathe and pottery wheel demonstrations to lectures on moonshine, ghosts and extreme couponing, as well as the more traditional musical presentations and author events. He has presented for the South Carolina State Library, the Humanities Council of South Carolina, the Association of Rural and Small Libraries and WebJunction. Registration is required and may be completed at [Creating Successful Adult Programs](#). Any questions regarding the webinar should be directed to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Introduction to Missouri Digital Heritage Webinar

On June 18, 2015, from 10-11 a.m., the Missouri State Library will host a webinar on the online resources available through Missouri Digital Heritage (MDH). MDH is a collaborative initiative that assists institutions across the state in digitizing their records and placing them online for easy access. The presenter is Matt Butler, digital collections coordinator for the Missouri State Library. Registration is required and may be completed at [Introduction to MDH](#). Any questions regarding the webinar should be directed to Matt Butler at matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Financial Literacy Resource Sampler

On July 16, 2015 from 10-11:30 a.m., join Economic Education Specialist Eva Johnston and Librarian Kathy Cosgrove from the Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis as they provide a “sampler” session on free personal finance and basic economic materials for all ages - from early childhood to adulthood. Participate remotely in a children’s literature activity using popular children’s books to teach concepts such as saving and decision-making. Check out age-appropriate programming materials for middle school patrons including activities, lessons and online follow-up quizzes to test comprehension. Learn about high school programs that reinforce and enhance personal finance and economics requirements for students in fun formats such as game shows, videos and chats. They will also share information on the FASFA, college readiness tools and financial aid. For adults, they will highlight resources about alternative financing such as rent-to-own and payday lenders, as well as tax forms. Registration is required and may be completed at [Financial Literacy Resource Sampler](#). Any questions regarding the webinar should be directed to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov.

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education Opportunities

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education is an LSTA grant program for Missouri library personnel to participate in training opportunities when local funds cannot finance the entire cost. This grant is open to staff from public, school, academic and special libraries. Individuals may attend regional, state or national workshops, conferences, seminars, etc.

Upcoming conferences include, but are not limited to:

- [KLA/MLA Libraries without Borders Conference](#) to be held September 30 – October 2 in Kansas City, Missouri

- [Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference](#) to be held October 1–3 in Little Rock, Arkansas
- [Internet Librarian](#) to be held October 26–28 in Monterey, California

Libraries also have the option of bringing a trainer to the library for staff in-service training.

Applications are accepted no earlier than four months and no less than two months before the selected CE event. The application is available online at Show Me Steps. Questions about the grant program may be directed to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Pass It On Materials Available

The Public Library Association and the Federal Trade Commission have developed free materials to help seniors protect each other from scams and fraud. The new initiative, [Pass It On](#), was designed to help seniors teach their peers how to avoid scams, rip-offs and identity theft.

On the site, librarians have access to:

- one-page fact sheets on six issues often seen by older adults: imposter scams, identity theft, charity fraud, health care scams, paying too much and “you’ve won” scams
- bookmarks on all those topics, to serve as reminders of what to do
- activities to print and use
- a video to encourage people to pass it on
- and, coming soon, presentations on each of the topics

Pass It On reinforces what older adults already know, gives them the tools to start a conversation, and asks them to pass it on. The materials, available in English and Spanish, are respectful of older adults, and view them as part of the solution. Free sample folders, fact sheets and bookmarks are available at [FTC Free Publications to Share](#).

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